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9 FAM 42.11 REGS/STATUTES AND NOTES

CHANGES

1. 9 FAM 42.11 Regs/Statutes have been revised. 9 FAM 42.11 Notes have been removed. The material in 9 FAM 42.11 Notes is linked directly to 22 CFR 42.11 through 9 FAM 42.11 Regulations.

2. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to international broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

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